

THE
VARIOUS KINDS
OF THE
H E A R T
OR RATHER
STOMACH-PAIN,
CONSIDERED BY
PETER VON SARN, M. D.
at Northampton.

Nemo tam Divos habuit faventes,
Crastinum ut possit Sibi polliceri.

SENECA, *Poeta*, 242.



N O R T H A M P T O N :

Printed by CLARR DICEY; and sold by J. Lacy, Stationer at
Northampton; John Gregory, at Leicester; Mess. Fletcher and
Hodson, Cambridge; Mrs. E. Rogers and W. Green, Bury St.
Edmunds; W. Chase and Berry, Norwich; W. Eaton and
P. Garr, Yarmouth, &c.

VARIOUS KINDS



STOMACH-CHAMBER

1608 / 2922.

THE



THE
P R E F A C E
TO THE
R E A D E R.

BEING not a Native of this Country (*a*) [though I have for more than Thirteen Years past been in it] I might have written the following Treatise with greater Propriety of Style in *Latin* ; but then, I ap-

(*a*) See The Letter to the Impartial, Judicious, Benovolent. and Candid Reader, concerning *The Practice of Physick*. Page 5.

prehend, it would not have been so generally understood, and therefore, I hope the Candid Reader will overlook any Impropropriety in the Language.

A PAIN of the HEART, *or rather* STOMACH, is a *Disorder* to which many of the Human Race are liable ; and as it springs from such a Variety of Causes, the greatest Accuracy imaginable is required in the Composition of those Medicines that are designed for its Cure.



THE



THE
VARIOUS KINDS
OF THE
HEART
OR RATHER
STOMACH-PAIN.

SECTION I.

A Pain in the *Upper-Opening* of
Mouth of the *Stomach*, where
the *Oesophagus* or *Gullet* ends, &c.
is generally called *Heart-Pain*, &c.

SEC-

SECTION II.

THIS *Disorder* is easily known, but hard to remove, and consequently is none of the least *Evils* incident to *Human Bodies*, being of the Nature of those *Diseases* which affect both *Mind* and *Body*.

S E C T. III.

THE *immediate Cause* of this PAIN, as it may arise from different *Disorders* in the *Stomach*, cannot so easily be ascertained.

S E C T. IV.

As the *Stomach* is provided with a *Variety* of *Sinews* and *Nerves*, and so of *exquisite Sensation*, a *Pain* here must greatly affect those *Orifices* situated near the *Pit* of the *Stomach*; therefore, that the *Patient* may not be injured by *unskilful Treatment*, I shall beg Leave to offer the following *Observations*, drawn from a long *Practice*.

S E C.



S E C T. V.

WHEN after taking any Sort of *Poison*, a *tormenting Pain* follows, let it be drawn off the *Stomach* as soon as possible by a *gentle Emetic*, drinking after the *Vomit* a Quantity of fat Mutton-Broth.

S E C T. VI.

IF the *Stomach* is *overloaded*, it may be proper, if *Vomiting* does not follow, to provoke it, &c.

S E C T. VII.

An *accurate Distinction* ought to be made, Whether this *Pain* comes only after *eating* and *drinking*, or whether it was felt *before*; if the *latter*, all *Vomiting*, either *voluntary* or by *Emetics*, is dangerous.

S E C T. VIII.

IF a *Person* eats Things of a soft Digestion, and drinks emollient Liquors

quors, and yet afterwards feels *Pain*, it is an Evidence that the Cause of that *Pain* is in the *Stomach*, and therefore cannot be cured by an *Emetic*.

S E C T. IX.

UPON the Whole, it is very difficult to find out the *immediate Cause* of this *Pain*, whether it proceeds from taking something of a *poisonous Kind*, or from *Worms*, or some *Defect* in the *Stomach* itself, or through *acrimonious Particles* prevailing in the Parts thereabout, &c.

S E C T. X.

IF a *Pain* in the *Stomach* is occasioned by *Worms*, or if it proceeds from a *Weakness* of the *Stomach* itself, or arises from an *acid Acrimony*, *Vomits* cannot *free*, but *increase* the *Pain*, and however exact and careful a *Practitioner* may be, yet he will find it *difficult* to *distinguish* them from

from each other, and without a proper *Distinction*, his *Prescriptions* will be not only *ineffectual* but *hurtful*.

S E C T. XI.

IF after too *High-living*, &c. a *Person* is troubled with *corrupted* *sour* *Risings*, followed with an *acute* *Pain*, which *ceases* for a *Time*, when the *sharp* *corrupted* *Matter* is *discharged*, then this *Matter*, the *Cause* of it, must first be carried off by a *Vomit*, the *Stomach* *strengthened* by a *Continuation* of *corroborating* *Medicines*, and, to prevent a *Return*, Things hard of *Digestion* or *overloading* the *Stomach*, avoided.

S E C T. XII.

BUT if the *Pain* is occasioned by an *Inflammation*, *Erysipelas*, *Ulcerations*, &c. all *Vomits* and *Medicines* of a *disturbing* *Nature*, must by all means, be omitted ; because they not

only *augment* the *Pain*, but most *certainly* prove *mortal*, as too often happens by an *unskilful Application*.

IN the *Cases* above-mentioned, there is a *continual Pain* in the *Stomach*, whether it is *empty* or *full*, which *increases* after eating, &c and if it *causes* the *Person* to *vomit*, it then becomes so *excessive*, that *fainting* away *instantaneously* ensues.

How *judicious* and *skilful* then should the *Physician* be, to find out proper *Medicines* for that *Pain* which the *Patient* then *labours* under?

S E C T. XIII

THO' this *Pain* may proceed from the above *different Causes*, yet it may likewise arise from others; for *Example*: The *unnatural Motion* of the
Stomach

Stomach, occasioned by a *Fever* * as well as the *Matter* of the *Fever* itself, brought to the *upper Orifice* of it, causes an *intolerable Pain* there, which *Pain* is *heightened* or *diminished* according as the *Fever* *increases* or *abates* ; and in regard to the *Pain* itself at that *functure*, *Vomits* and *hot Medicines* (too often *unskilfully* given) are not only *ineffectual* but *prejudicial*, *augmenting* instead of *asswaging* the *Pain*, by causing *violent Reachings*. In this Case a few *Drops* of the *Tinct. Thebaic*, or *Syr. é Meconio* mixed in the *Febrifuge Mixtures* are only *serviceable*. S E C-

* IN the Year 1486 there was an *Epidemic* or *Endemic Sweating-Fever*, first in *England*, afterwards in other *Kingdoms*, &c. terminating within 24 Hours either in *Life* or *Death*. The common *Symptoms* (called *Hydropyretos*) of this *Disorder* were, *Sudden Weakness*, *Anxiety*, *Palpitation* of the *Heart*, *Head-Ach*, *Swooning-away*, a *weak unequal Pulse*, *profuse Sweating*, also a *Heart* or *Stomach-Pain*.

S E C T. XIV.

THIS *Pain* is brought also upon *Persons* of a *Delicate* and *Weak* *Constitution*, by *Fretting*, *Uneasiness*, &c. attended with great *Anxiety*, *Loss* of *Appetite* and *Strength*, *Strainings* to vomit, *Difficulty* of *Breathing*, *Trembling*, a *Coldness* of the *extreme* *Parts*, *Restlessness*, &c. when the *Stomach* cannot then bear any *Kind* of *Meat* or *Drink*, nor even a common *Spoonful* of *soft* *Medicines*, much less the *Calefacientia*, or *hot* *Kind*, &c.

S E C T. XV.

THIS *Pain* may likewise arise from a *flatulent* and *windy* *Disorder* in the *Stomach*, and continue there for a *Time*, 'till expelled by the *Carminatives* mixed with the *Anodines*, and tho' thus expelled, yet it may return after *eating*, *drinking*, or sitting in the *Draught* of a *Door*, *Window*, &c. This *Pain* is not *dangerous* though a
Person

Person be subject to it thro' the whole Course of his Life.

S E C T. XVI.

SHOULD the *Rheumatism*, which sometimes flies from one *Part* of the *Body* to another, and sometimes takes its *Seat* in the *muscular* or *membranous Parts* of it, fall upon the *Stomach*, it may, for a *Time*, produce a *continual* but not a *dangerous Pain*, because, by proper *Application* it may be expelled thence to the *adjacent Extremes* E. G. under the *Breast-Bone*, *Shoulder-Blades*, *Arms*, *Wrist*, &c.

S E C T. XVII.

WHEN an *Arthritic* or *gouty Pain* changes its *Seat* from the *Chinagra* the *Hands*, *Gonagra* the *Knees*, or *Podagra* the *Feet*, &c. to the *Stomach*, leaving then the *extreme Parts* free from *Pain*, the *Patient* is in immediate *Danger of Death*, unless the
Pain

Pain can be removed back again from the *Stomach* to the *Extremities* of the *Body*, therefore it is *requisite* in this *Case*, to have something to give always ready at Hand.

S E C T. XVIII.

BUT the most *uncommon* *Pain* is caused by *Convulsions* or *Spasm*, which communicates its ill *Effects* thro' the whole *Nervous System*, and is discovered by its well known *Symptoms*: The *Cure* must be directed according to the *Disease*; *Medicines* given in *small Quantities* every *Quarter* of an *Hour*, 'till the *Pain* ceases, and then proper *Means* used to prevent a *Return*.

S E C T. XIX.

THUS have I treated the above *Disorder* in as concise a *Manner* as possible, as it may arise from the *various* and *different* *Causes* here sub-joined.

Dif-

Different CAUSES of the

HEART or STOMACH-PAIN.

Acrimonious Parti-	Inflammation	§ 12
cles. § 9	Overloading the Sto-	
Convulsions 18	mach 6	
Delicate Constitu-	Poison 5	
tions 14	Rheumatism 16	
Drinking 7	Soft - digested Eat-	
Eating 7	ables 8	
Erysipelas 12	Spasm 18	
Fault of the Stomach	Ulcerations 12	
itself 8	Weak Constitution 14	
Fever 13	Weakness of the	
Flatulency 15	Stomach 10	
Gout 17	Wind 15	
High-living 11	Worms 9, 10	

S E C T. XX.

I MIGHT have greatly enlarged on this *Subject*, and interspersed it with proper *Prescriptions*, but that would have been incompatible with my present *Design*; this, if found necessary, shall be done hereafter.

F I N I S.

